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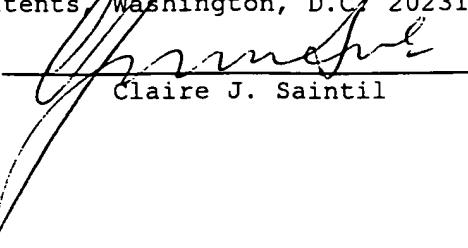
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I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the other papers and fees identified in this transmittal letter as being transmitted herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Hon. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of pending prior Application No. 09/631,241, filed on August 2, 2000 for CONTROLLED DISSOLUTION CROSSLINKED PROTEIN CRYSTALS.

1. Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
2. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____ in Application No. _____.
3. An Amendment/Reply is enclosed.
4. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
6. A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
7. A check in the amount of \$370.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.
8. Please charge \$370.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional

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fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

10. Please grant a one-month, two-month, three-month, four-month, extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for filing a Response to the May 23, 2001 Final Office Action in the above-identified patent application.
11. A check in the amount of \$ 200.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
12. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
13. Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

October 23, 2001

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